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FOL REPEAT STATE 190108 SENT ACTION PARIS SEOUL  
BONN LONDON TOKYO MOSCOW PEKING HELSINKI STOCKHOLM  
BRUSSELS CANBERRA COPENHAGEN INFO DUBLIN THE HAGUE  
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, KN, PFOR, EEC, EAID

SUBJECT: DEBT RESCHEDULING FOR NORTH KOREA

REF: PEKING 998

1. FRENCH EMBASSY HAS INFORMALLY (AND IMPROBABLY) INQUIRED  
OF TREASURY WHETHER USG WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPA-  
TING IN A MULTILATERAL DEBT RESCHEDULING FOR NORTH KOREA.  
RESCHEDULING WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY "PARIS CLUB" WHICH IS  
AN INFORMAL GROUPING OF INTERESTED FINANCE MINISTERS AND  
NOT UNDER AUSPICES OF ANY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION.  
NORTH KOREA'S OUTSTANDING DEBTS ARE ESTIMATED AT ABOUT  
\$1 BILLION, OF WHICH ABOUT HALF IS OWED TO JAPAN, \$200-  
\$300 MILLION TO EC COUNTRIES AND LESSER AMOUNTS TO  
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AUSTRALIA, SWEDEN, FINLAND, ETC., AND SOME COMMUNIST

COUNTRIES. OF TOTAL AN ESTIMATED \$300 MILLION IS NOW IN  
DEFAULT.

2. DEPARTMENT INITIALLY INFORMED TREASURY THAT OTHER  
OBJECTIONS ASIDE, SINCE ALL FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS WITH  
NK UNDER FOREIGN ASSET CONTROLS AND NK HAS NO OUTSTANDING  
DEBTS TO U.S. WE WOULD NOT BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATION.

3. IT OBVIOUSLY NOT IN OUR INTEREST TO HAVE IMPORTANT  
U.S. ALLIES, SOME OF WHOM DO NOT EVEN RECOGNIZE NORTH  
KOREA, JOINING TOGETHER TO BAIL NORTH KOREANS OUT OF  
THEIR ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES, PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN  
ROK SEEKING INTERNATIONAL HELP WITH ITS BALANCE OF  
PAYMENT PROBLEMS WITH MIXED SUCCESS. INTERNATIONAL  
RESCHEDULING WOULD IMPLY A DEGREE OF RECOGNITION AND  
SUPPORT WHICH WE BELIEVE UNDESIRABLE IN VIEW OF NORTH  
KOREA'S MAINTENANCE RIGID POLICIES AIMED AGAINST ROK  
AND OURSELVES.

4. WITHOUT CONTACTING HOST GOVERNMENTS, REQUEST EEC  
EMBASSIES' AND TOKYO'S COMMENTS ON LIKELIHOOD OF THEIR  
PARTICIPATION IN DEBT RESCHEDULING. KISSINGER

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